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1. The airfield is located about 3 km east-southeast of Tbilisi (42-42 N/44-45 E), in the Georgian S.S.R., north of the railroad line and near to Rustavi (42° 17' N/43° 51' E). * It is a military airfield with hangars and barracks buildings, but without a railroad siding or concrete runways. No construction work was in progress at the field. The landing field, about 1 1/2 km long, was in good condition and had a thick grass cover. A side road to the field branched off from a road which ran along the southern edge of the field and led from Tbilisi to an undetermined village.
2. Seven wooden hangars, each 10 x 25 to 30 x 50 meters, with corrugated sheet metal roofs and red lights were on the northern edge of the field. Twenty-five single-engine aircraft were once counted in the hangars. Most of the field were seven splinter-proof revetments, each with a capacity of two single-engine planes. About 12 to 14 temporary buildings, each about 6 to 8 x 20 meters, were located north of the field. On the northwestern edge of the field was a fuel dump consisting of two containers, each 15 meters long and 2 1/2 meters in diameter, mounted on concrete pedestals.
3. The field was occupied by about 30 Bates and 6 barbed wire made individual and formation flights. Individual parachute jumps were often seen.
4. The airfield is east-southeast of Tbilisi north of the railroad line and the road to Rustavi. Hangars and buildings were on the northern edge of the field.
5. The field was occupied by twin-engine aircraft with nose wheels.

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Paragraph. Numerous reports of observations of an aircraft near Tbilisi have been received but not forwarded, since they were not clear. The present report supplies a location sketch and more exact information on the field north of the factory field of Aircraft Plant No 31, and its installation. This information is see under. The sketch indicates that the field must be one of the two airfields

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entered in broken lines on the chart of Tbilisi (9020), (USAF Target Complex Chart Series 100 dated December 1949). It is located between Tbilisi, the Roka River and the Tbilisi-Gurdzhanni (41°45'N/45°48'E) and Tbilisi-Baku railroad lines.

Attachment: Sketch of Airfield near Tbilisi

Legend to Annex:

A Airfield.

1. Landing field.
2. Wooden hangars.
3. Twelve officers' houses of wood.
4. About 12 to 14 temporary wooden buildings.
5. Fuel dump.
6. Military garages.
7. Seven splinterproof revetments.

B Aircraft plant.

C Radio station.

D Tank plant.

E Factory airfield.

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